LEMMON FLEABANE

(Erigeron lemmonii)

STATUS: Candidate

SPECIES DESCRIPTION: A prostrate perennial in the sunflower family. Stems and leaves are densely hairy. Stems may reach 60 cm (2 ft) in length, although most are 13-26 cm (5-10 in) long. The lower leaves are linear in shape and 6-12 mm (½ to ½ in) long with teeth or shallow lobes. The upper leaves are entire. Flowers look like small delicate daisies, with white to light purple outer petals and yellow inner petals. The plant flowers from August through October.

HABITAT: Lemmon fleabane occurs on vertical cliffs at elevations of (1,922 - 2,227 m (6,300 - 7,300 ft)). Occurs within pine-oak woodland habitat. The one known locality is found in crevices and on ledges of west-, south-, and north-facing cliffs on the vertical faces of large boulders along a single canyon bottom.

RANGE: Historic: Unknown

Current: Found only in the Scheelite Canyon, Huachuca Mountains (Cochise County, Arizona) on Fort Huachuca Military Reservation.

REASONS FOR DECLINE/VULNERABILITY: Since the species is confined at a very limited site, a single catastrophic event or combinations of localized events could result in drastic losses or extinction.

LAND MANAGEMENT/OWNERSHIP: Fort Huachuca Military Reservation

NOTES: Species of Special Concern for the state of Arizona.

Protected by Arizona Native Plants Law.

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